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## JAPAN'S ULTIMATUM EXPIRES TONIGHT; U. S. MAY TRANSMIT WAR DECLARATION

### OSTEND, BELGIAN PORT, CAPTURED BY UHLANS TODAY, LONDON HEARS

Swift Advance of Kaiser's Army Aimed at Anglo-French Defense of Frontier. Russia Pours 500,000 Men Across German Boundary—Allies Mass to Check Advance.

"Ostend captured by German cavalry." This striking dispatch was flashed to London today from unofficial sources. It was preceded by an announcement by the London Mail that 50,000 Germans had occupied Ghent, thirty-five miles from Brussels.

Inconceivably swift in its advance, the German war machine is delivering rapid blows at the Anglo-French defense.

It was at Ostend only a few days ago that a British expeditionary force was landed behind the screen of the Belgian lines.

The dashing German cavalry is making effective inroads. With the Belgian defense bottled up in Antwerp, Brussels and Ghent occupied, Ostend, a seaport problem, German control, Namur besieged, the Kaiser's army of the Meuse and both armies of the Moselle are advancing rapidly along the valley of the Meuse.

Between Mons and Charleroi the first tremendous attack is looked for. Maubeuge and Givet are points of possible attack.

No word of the disposition of the allies is allowed to escape the rigid censorship. Officially "the position of the allies is satisfactory," is the single admission. It can be understood that the 120,000 or more British troops together with the northern army of France are massed to meet the assault in what may prove to be the decisive battle of the war.

News of German successes in Lorraine is confirmed through the German embassy here, dispatches announcing important victory between Metz and the Vosges Mountains.

In Alsace the French advance has driven the defense back upon the right bank of the Rhine.

St. Petersburg asserts 500,000 Russians are already in Prussian territory.

### German Advance Rapid And Effective, London Says

LONDON, Aug. 22.—There is serious war office has been flooded with news over the situation in Belgium. The German advance is now very rapid and is proving very effective. The British war office is already preparing for the possibility of a rapid advance of the German army.

That the German offensive movement includes the occupation of the Belgian seacoast town of Ostend is considered certain, but up to the present no official word has been received on the subject of this move.

The Times' military expert, in discussing the movement of the Germans, says there is little doubt that the German army will be the most decisive factor in the war. He then says: "It is certain that many of the troops that presented the imposing spectacle at Brussels were perfectly fresh. They are an important part of that vast army which Germany for fifteen days has effectively screened behind her desperate fighting forces. This army is destined to be hurled into France, having overcome the Belgian defense, the German army will now take the line of least resistance and push the invasion of France."

### ALLIES FACE BIG TASK, WAR NEWS BUREAU ADMITS

British Officials See Tremendous Problem Unsettled by Present Situation.

OPERATIONS IN BELGIUM  
ALLOW CONCENTRATION

"Neither Side Can Claim Decisive Victory"—"Mere Prelude," Statement Says.

LONDON, Aug. 22.—That a tremendous task is facing the allied forces along the Franco-Belgian boundary is admitted by the British war bureau, in a statement analyzing the situation today.

The statement says in part:

Big Problem Unsettled. "Neither side can claim to have gained what could be called a decisive victory. The French have steadily continued to gain ground in Alsace. The Germans have obliged a large portion of the Belgian army to retire on Antwerp."

"But the big problems of the present war are still unsettled. The preliminary skirmishing is simply a prelude to the larger task when the main armies meet."

"In the western theater of the war, at the end of three weeks, the enemy has not yet attempted to deliver the general attack which, if delivered a week ago and had resulted only in a partial German success, would have conceivably interfered with the French concentration. However, this can only be construed as a German failure and not as a success for the allies."

"The situation generally, so far as the allies are concerned, is now considered satisfactory. The majority of the encounters to the present time can only be considered as of minor importance. The line of the allies has had to be withdrawn to fortified positions along the French boundary."

Allies Withdrawn to Fortify French Frontier

LONDON, Aug. 22.—The correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph, writing from Givet, warns England today that it must be prepared to bear the brunt of the resistance to Germany. He says: "The enemy is advancing like a tidal wave. Many lives must be sacrificed to stem the engulfing flood. All signs of the resistance to Germany are now being crushed. The German force has crossed the Meuse, and the contending armies are in contact along a line about fifty miles in extent. The Belgian line was extended that it could not withstand the German cavalry assault. It is rumored that the line of the allies had to be withdrawn to fortified positions along the French boundary."

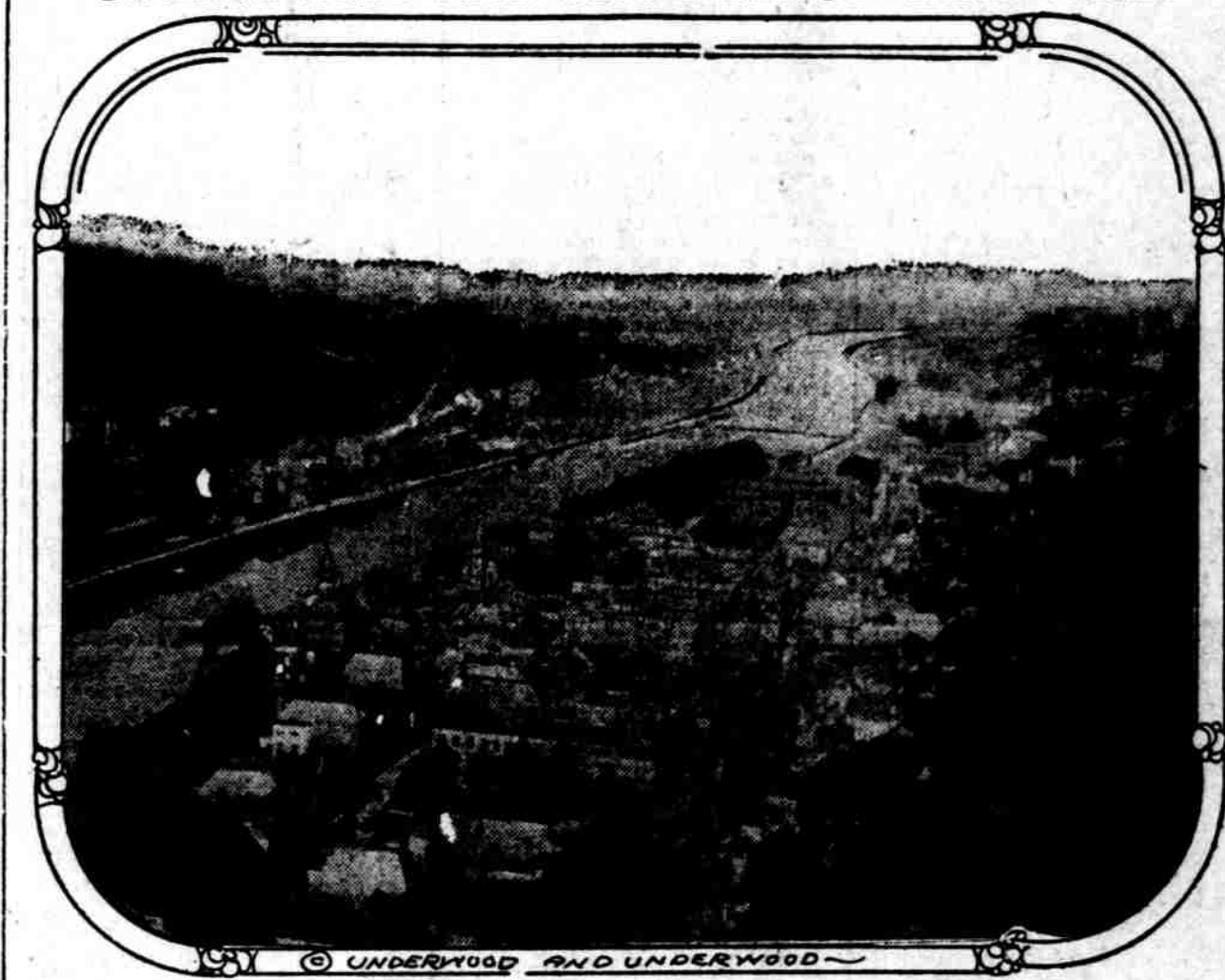
### POPE IS ENTOMBED IN TRIPLE CASKET

ROME, Aug. 22.—The body of Pope Pius X, enclosed in three caskets, was entombed in St. Peter's at 6 o'clock this evening with full ceremonies. The provisional entombment was an impressive scene. It was attended by the members of the noble guard, dignitaries of the papal court, the cardinals and prelates in the regalia of their offices, together with members of the family of the late Pontiff, members of the papal diplomatic corps, and members of the papal families of Rome.

The body of the late Pontiff was carried in procession from the Chapel of the Sacrament to the choir chapel, with the singing of Psalms and funeral rites by the chapel choir. The body was then placed first in a casket of cypress wood after being wrapped in a red coverlet.

Medals Put in Casket. A purse of gold, silver, and bronze medals, representing the number of years the Pontiff lived, and a medal cylinder containing a brief history of the Pope, were placed in the casket, which was sealed and then enclosed in a casket of lead. This, in turn, was placed in a coffin of oak, decorated with the cross, the coat of arms of the Pope and other pontifical emblems.

### GREAT BATTLE GROUND OF THE WAR



The River Meuse looking north from the citadel heights of Dinant. The Kaiser's warriors after desperate attempts have crossed at several points and are now reported to have built an elaborate military bridge a few miles north of Dinant, over which supply trains may pass.

### Plans New Market System in Capital

Superintendent Sherman Says Community Clubs Are But a Temporary Expedient to Meet an Emergency—Congress Will Be Asked for Funds to Carry Out Plan.

A new market system for Washington as an outgrowth of the present agitation against increased food prices is promised by Superintendent of Weights, Measures and Markets John H. Sherman.

The present community buying clubs are but a temporary expedient to meet an emergency, he said, and it is planned to ask Congress for funds to inaugurate a new market system in the Capital.

That many buying clubs are organized on a working basis was made plain today by the number of club orders given to dealers in the Haskell market.

The Department of Justice is still pressing its nationwide inquiry into food prices.

PRICES FIRM, BUT NO ADVANCES.

One of the most striking effects of this inquiry has been a great reduction in the price of flour in Minnesota, the center of the milling industry. In Washington all prices seem to be holding firm, but there have been no further increases, as was prophesied by dealers last week and early in the present week.

Concerning the criticisms made by certain dealers of the directions given by the department to the Haskell market not to discriminate between retailers and consumers who buy by wholesale, Supt. Sherman said today that these instructions were given more for the protection of the wholesaler than the consumer. Many of the wholesalers, he said, deal with retailers in large quantities, and are to a large extent dependent upon their trade. If dealers protest against the sale of goods to consumers, the wholesaler has only to point to the sign which forbids him to discriminate on the penalty of losing his stall.

Only to Meet Emergency. There are in the Haskell Market 188 stalls, which are rented only to farmers selling produce of their own raising. Work will begin in September on the erection of another market stand containing 188 stalls, and it is hoped to have included in the next District appropriation an item for a third stand containing a similar number. Even the stalls will not provide sufficient accommodations for the farmers. The rent of the stalls is from 10 to 20 cents a day, dependent upon their location. Superintendent Sherman desires it to be understood that the movement for buying in wholesale lots was suggested only to meet an emergency. He has in mind a plan for the organization of a comprehensive market system in which the retailer, whom he regards as essential for any permanent market system, will find a place. By reducing the waste, he declares, the dealer will obtain a greater net profit and the consumer a saving.

### ITALY TO MOBILIZE ENTIRE WAR FORCE

Austria Ignores Demand for Explanation of Action in Arming Albanians.

ROME, Aug. 22.—Reports that a general mobilization of the entire fighting forces of the nation, including the home defense, has been decided on and that the orders are ready to sign are current here.

It is stated at the foreign office that Marquis San Giuliano, the foreign minister, has received no word from Austria regarding his request for an explanation of the landing of Austrian munitions to arm the Albanians for service against Serbia.

The feeling against Austria is very bitter throughout Italy.

### DEARBORN IS FIRST TO START AT ELGIN

RACE COURSE, ELGIN, ILL., Aug. 22.—Dearborn, driving a Stutz, and Pontano, piloting a Lister, shot over the starting line promptly at 11 a. m. today, and the 30-mile race for the Elgin national trophy was on.

Probably the largest crowd that ever saw this annual Western motor classic was packed around the course. Other cars followed the leaders at 15-second intervals.

### Four Hurt When Motor Skids Upon Wet Road

Four men were injured in an automobile accident in Bladenburg road early today when the machine in which they were riding skidded on a slippery stretch of road near Mills avenue, Langdon, and crashed into a trolley pole.

Samuel Soper, forty-four, 1110 K street southeast, owner of the automobile, was painfully cut about the head and eyes; Joseph Proctor, forty, 32 I street southeast, who was driving the car, was cut about the arms and legs; John Casey, thirty-eight, 403 Tenth street northeast, was bruised about the head; Frank Thomas, forty-two, 23 Tennessee avenue northeast, was cut on the right arm. Frederick Entwistle, 407 Thirtieth street northeast, who was also in the machine, escaped injury. The automobile was badly damaged.

The men were returning to Washington about 8:30 o'clock when the accident happened. The wet, slippery road caused the car to swerve, and before Proctor could apply the brakes it had skidded into the trolley pole. The automobile patrol from the Sixth police precinct was summoned, and the four injured men taken to Casualty Hospital, where it was said none had been seriously hurt.

Instruction to permit the parking of automobiles in the streets designated in the order was given the Police Department today.

### CONFLICT INEVITABLE, IS BELIEF OF OFFICIALS; NIPPONESE ARE READY

Immense Army and Navy Is Awaiting Word From Tokyo to Commence Hostilities Against Kaiser's Forces at Kiachow. Embassy Here Expects No Definite Word Until Tomorrow.

Japan's ultimatum to Germany expires at 10 o'clock tonight, Eastern time, it was stated at the Japanese embassy this afternoon. At that hour it is noon Sunday in Tokyo and 4 o'clock Sunday morning in Berlin.

At noon today the Japanese embassy here had no intimation of Germany's reply.

Acting apparently on the assumption that hostilities are inevitable, Baron Chinda, Japanese ambassador, today arranged with Secretary Bryan for transmission of a note from the Japanese government to the Berlin government. This note he indicated will be sent in event of a war declaration.

He intimated broadly that its purpose was solely to care for certain details in Berlin in case Germany refuses to accede to Japan's Kiaochow ultimatum.

While the Japanese embassy was not informed as to the immediate steps which the Mikado's charge at Berlin would take, the officials here believe the charge would ask for his passports if Germany refuses to answer the ultimatum.

The embassy does not expect official word as to Germany's attitude until some time tomorrow.

It is evident Ambassador Chinda is taking steps to meet an expected diplomatic situation in Berlin. It was also apparent that he was not extremely hopeful of a satisfactory settlement of the situation. Consequently he was preparing to take the final steps required in the embassy transfer at Berlin when war actually breaks.

### Japan's Armada Will Be Aided by Immense Army

SHANGHAI, Aug. 22.—Not only a Japanese fleet, but an immense Japanese army is already waiting the word to strike at Kiaochow. Japan has not waited for the expiration of her ultimatum to place her forces in position. Advices from Tokyo prove this, although the censorship is absolute and Japanese correspondents are warned that any publication of news of the army or navy shall be punished by death.

WAR FLEET READY.

It is reported here that the fleet is mobilized and is now at a rendezvous near the Shan Tung peninsula. It comprises all of the modern battleships and armored cruisers. With the fleet is reported to be a large army on transports, nearly every man of whom is a veteran of the Russo-Japanese war.

There is now no question in Tokyo that Germany will resist to the last. The Japanese officials know that the entire fortifications of the German concession have been re-enforced. Coolies have been working night and day for a month strengthening every point. Additional guns have been mounted and there is no doubt here that the channel to the harbor has been mined.

The Germans are expected to put up a desperate resistance both by land and by sea. The German war fleet in the Orient has been getting ready in the harbor for the last week. Ever since the ultimatum was served the cruisers have been preparing for action and, although far out-numbered, are expected to attempt a raid on the Japanese the moment the latter open hostilities.

Tokyo advices say that, for the present, at least, there will be no levying of a war loan. The minister of finance believes that the present budget will be ample for the extraordinary expenditures that will be necessitated by this military and naval operations under consideration.

The Chinese government is very much alarmed over the outlook because of the danger of anti-Japanese outbreaks at various centers when Tokyo acts.

Japan Is Notified U. S. Will Keep Hands Off

Official announcement was made by Secretary of State Bryan today that this Government has made clear its position to Japan in the Japanese-German controversy. In substance, the notification is that the United States intends to keep hands off.

Publicity Bill Gets O. K.

The Rucker campaign publicity bill recently passed by the House, was ordered favorably reported by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections today. The bill was amended in minor particulars.